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SUBJECT: CLERIDES PUBLIC STATEMENT

1. UPON RETURN TO CYPRUS SEPTEMBER 14, CLERIDES MADE PUBLIC STATEMENT ANECNSWERED REPORTERS' QUESTIONS CONCERNING INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS, DENKTASH'S UDI STATEMENT AND OTHER ISSUES NOW CURRENT ON CYPRUS. THESE NOT RECEIVED IN FBIS COVERAGE AND ARE OF INTEREST AS INDICATIVE OF CLERIDES' POSITION.

2. CLERIDES' PERTINENT STATEMENTS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE
INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS UNDER AUSPICES OF UNSYG REACHED A COMPLETE DEADLOCK BECAUSE OF REFUSAL OF TURKISH SIDE SUBMIT CONCRETE AND COMPREHENSIVE PROPOSALS ON CYPRUS PROBLEM INCLUDING GEOGRAPHICAL ASPECT.

DESPITE PROMISES MADE AND COMMITMENTS UNDERTAKEN BY MR

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DENKTASH AT PREVIOUS ROUND OF TALKS IN VIENNA, HE CAME TO

NEGOTIATIONS ONCE AGAIN WITHOUT BRINGING ANY PROPOSALS AND THEREFORE, IT WAS HUMANLY IMPOSSIBLE TO CARRY OUT ANY NEGOTIATIONS.

UNSYG MADE EFFORTS FIND A COMPROMISE SOLUTION - IN SENSE THAT AS A FIRST STEP THE TURKISH SIDE WOULD ALLOW GREEK CYPRIOTS TO RETURN TO TOWN OF FAMAGUSTA AND IN EXCHANGE I WOULD AGREE TO THE FIXING OF ANOTHER MEETING AT WHICH MR DENKTASH WOULD PUT FORWARD PROPOSALS - BUT THIS EFFORT FAILED AND SO DID A SECOND BUD BY DR WALDHEIM TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS HIMSELF. THE TURKISH SIDE REJECTED THEM WITHOUT ANY DISCUSSION. TURKISH INTRANSIGENCE IS TO BLAME FOR DEADLOCK IN INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. POINT TO WHICH THE TURKS LED TALKS PROVES BEYOND ANY DOUBT THAT THEY HAD NO INTENTION TO NEGOTIATE BUT THEY WERE SEEKING TO GAIN TIME TO CREATE FAITS ACCOMPLIS. UNQUOTE.

MR CLERDIES THEN ANSWERED PRESS QUESTIONS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE

Q: DOES THIS ADJOURNMENT MEAN THAT PROCEDURE OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS IS ABANDONED?

A: INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS CANNOT GO ON UNLESS THERE ARE CONCRETE PROPOSALS FOR DISCUSSION.

Q: THERE HAS BEEN SOME CRITICISM OF THE ROLE PLAYED BY UNSYG. CERTAIN PRESS REPORTS TEND TO PRESENT DR WALDHEIM AS FOLLOWING PRO-TURKISH ATTITUDE.

A: I DO NOT AGREE WITH THESE REPORTS. UNSYG MADE SINCERE EFFORTS ASSIST IN FURTHER CARRYING OUT OF TALKS. FAILURE OF TALKS IS DUE TO TURKISH INTRANSIGENCE AND I DO NOT THINK IT WOULD BE PROPER ATTACK UNSYG.

Q: WHAT ARE YOUR COMMENTS ON FACT THAT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AFTER COLLAPSE OF THE TALKS SPEAKS OF "ABSENCE OF PROPOSALS" WHEREAS GREEK SIDE HAD SUBMITTED ITS PROPOSALS LONG AGO?

A: I THINK QUESTION OF THE COMMUNIQUE IS INSIGNIFICANT. WHAT MATTERS IS REPORT WHICH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL WILL SUB-

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MIT. AS IS WELL KNOWN HE HAS TO SUBMIT A REPORT TO UNSC AND, THEREFORE, WE HAVE TO BE A LITTLE PATIENT AND WAIT FOR UNSYG'S REPORT WITHOUT ATTACKING MR WALDHEIM, WHOSE SERVICES WE NEED.

Q: MR DENKTASH HAS STATED IN ANKARA HE WOULD PROCLAIM A STATE UNLESS HE IS GIVEN EQUAL HEARING WITH ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS AT UN AND UNLESS GREEK CYPRIOTS RETURN TO NEGOTIA-

TIONS. WHAT IS YOUR COMMENT ON THIS?

A: THIS IS NOT ONLY THREAT HURLED BY MR DENKTASH NOR IS IT FIRST TIME HE HAS MADE THE SAME THREAT. IF TURKISH SIDE PROCEEDS WITH PROCLAMATION OF TURKISH CYPRIOT STATE, GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE WILL CERTAINLY NOT RECOGNIZE IT AND I DO NOT THINK IT WILL BE RECOGNIZED BY VAST MAJORITY OF UN MEMBER-STATES.

Q. APART FROM RECOURSE TO UN WHAT DO YOU THINK OUR COURSE SHOULD BE IN VIEW OF FACT THAT TURKS DO NOT SEEM TO BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM?

A: IN ADDITION TO RECOURSE WHICH, I BELIEVE, WILL BE DISCUSSED TOWARD END OF OCTOBER OR EARLY IN NOVEMBER WE MUST CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS ENLIGHTEN STATES WHICH WILL PARTICIPATE IN UNGA ON REAL POSITION OF CYPRUS PROBLEM...

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Q: IT IS SAID THAT TURKISH MILITARY ARE ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPLETE DEADLOCK IN TALKS. WHAT DO YOU THINK OF ROLE OF THE MILITARY IN FAILURE OF TALKS IN NEW YORK?

A: I BELIEVE THAT GREATEST REACTION TO THE SUBMISSION OF CONCRETE PROPOSALS CAME FROM MILITARY IN TURKEY. THIS PROVES THAT AS LONG AS THERE ARE TURKISH TROOPS IN CYPRUS NO NEGOTIATIONS CAN BE CONDUCTED ON AN EQUAL BASIS.

Q: WHAT CONTACTS DID YOU HAVE IN NEW YORK?

A: DURING MY STAY IN NEW YORK I HAD CONTACTS WITH MANY ORGANIZATIONS OF GREEK-AMERICANS AND CYPRIOTS LIVING IN US. OBJECT OF MEETING WAS ENLIGHTENMENT OF GREEK COMMUNITY THERE AND EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. I ALSO HAD SEVERAL MEETINGS WITH MR BRADEMAS AND OTHER SENATORS TO BE BRIEFED ON UNCLASSIFIED

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DEVELOPMENTS IN SENATE.

Q: WHAT ARE PROSPECTS FOR THE RESUMPTION OF MILITARY AID TO TURKEY?

A: I WOULD NOT LIKE TO MAKE ANY COMMENTS ON A MATTER CONCERNING A FOREIGN PARLIAMENT.

Q: IT HAS BEEN PUBLISHED THAT YOU HAVE SUGGESTED TO MR DENKTASH THE RETURN OF FAMAGUSTA AND 50 PERCENT OF THE TERRITORY OCCUPIED BY TURKS.

A: THIS PROPOSAL WAS NOT MADE BY ME. UNSYG SUGGESTED FAMAGUSTA INHABITANTS SHOULD BE ALLOWED RETURN AS COMPROMISE SOLUTION AND AS FIRST STEP TOWARDS REHABILITATION OF REFUGEES WHILE NEGOTIATING PROCESS SHOULD BE CONTINUED....

Q: THERE IS INFORMATION MR DENKTASH WAS READY TO MAKE REASONABLE PROPOSALS AND WAS PREVENTED FROM DOING SO BY TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADERSHIP LONG BEFORE NEW YORK MEETING. IS THIS TRUE?

A: WHAT HAPPENED WAS MORE OR LESS THIS: MR DENKTASH PREPARED PROPOSALS WHICH HE DISCUSSED WITH HIS ASSOCIATES OR ADVISERS. HIS ADVISERS ASKED THAT BEFORE BEING SUBMITTED THE PROPOSALS SHOULD BE APPROVED BY GOT ALSO. THE PROPOSALS WERE SENT TO GOT WHICH, HOWEVER, DID NOT APPROVE THEM OWING TO INTERNAL POLITICAL INSTABILITY AND REACTION OF TURKISH MILITARY....UNQUOTE.
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